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Youngsters show off dancing skills for parents at first winter recital

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Home of the Big Red One

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## Post, Army news briefs

### Soldier dies in car accident

A Fort Riley soldier died in a vehicular accident near North Manhattan and Kimball Avenue, in Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 16.

Dead is Sgt Michael J. Highnote, 37 of 977th Military Police Company. Highnote had been stationed at Fort Riley since August 2006. He worked at Fort Riley as a team leader with the unit. He was scheduled to deploy in Feb. 2007.

The accident is under investigation.

### Tax Center to offer help

The Fort Riley Tax Center will once again offer free income tax preparation to Soldiers, their family members and retirees.

The Tax Center will help prepare and e-file federal tax returns and will assist in preparing state returns.

Persons wishing to file should bring proof of identification, including Social Security cards, for all family members with tax information forms and a copy of last year's return.

The Fort Riley Tax Center will open Jan. 16 in building 7434B, directly across from the bowling center on Custer Hill.

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 239-1040 after Jan. 8.

### EEO office moves

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office has moved to Building 211 on Custer Avenue on Main Post.

The office's phone numbers remain the same, 239-2595 and 239-3263.

### Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley. Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV, Channel 13. Planned for this week's show, which runs on WIBW TV Dec. 23 and on the post's cable channel 2 Dec. 25-31, are:

- About 20 video holiday greetings from deployed Fort Riley Soldiers.
- A 70th Engineer Battalion Soldier earning the Soldier's Medal.
- 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team receiving personal gear for deployment to Iraq.
- An interview with the director of education services about educational opportunities on post.
- A USO show in Baghdad, and
- The 1st Infantry Division Band holiday concert.

## General wants to lessen strain

Army chief of staff: Active, reserve components must increase Soldiers

By Beth Reece

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's top general said Dec. 14 he wants to grow the active component and gain better access to the Army Reserve and National Guard,

which together make up 55 percent of the total Army.

"As it currently stands, the Army is incapable of generating and sustaining the required forces to wage the global war on terror and fulfill all other operational requirements without its components — active, Guard and Reserve

— surging together," Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker told a Guard and Reserve Advisory Panel.

Active brigade combat teams are spending less than a year at home before redeploying. "At this pace, without recurrent access to the reserve components, through remobilization, we will break the

active component," he said.

Because almost all reserve component units have deployed in support of the war on terror and DoD policy requires that reserve component forces have five years between deployments, the Army has come to rely on individual volunteers from the Army

Reserve and National Guard — a fact that Schoomaker believes runs counter to the military's goal of forming and training cohesive units.

"Current policies restrict our ability to remobilize reserve com-

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## Just in case



Lt. Ivan May (in cockpit) of the Fort Riley Fire Department instructs Manhattan firefighters how to remove someone from the cockpit of an AH-64 Apache Longbow helicopter during rescue training at the regional airport.

## Firefighters train for aircraft rescue

By Alison Kohler

Asst. Com. Rel. Officer

As the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter touched down, three large fire trucks rolled up with lights blazing and sirens blaring, but their arrival didn't herald some aircraft emergency, just an opportunity to train if such an emergency occurs.

Twice each day Dec. 14-16, the 1st Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade flew an AH-64 Apache Longbow

and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to Manhattan Regional Airport for familiarization training with members of the Manhattan Fire Department.

"It's so they are familiar with our emergency procedures — what to do if the engine's running and pilots are incapacitated," said Chief Warrant Officer Tim McDonald, a Black Hawk pilot with 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment.

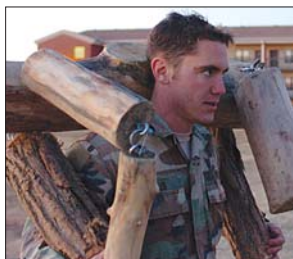
The CAB safety officer initi-

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A City of Manhattan fire truck pulls up to the scene where a UH-60 Black Hawk and AH-64 Apache Longbow have landed for familiarization training.

PAO/Kohler



First Lt. John Byus, platoon leader with C Troop, 1st Sgdn., 4th Cav., carries a wooden 'soldier' over his shoulders during the unit's Monga Di training. 4th IBCT/Timmons

## Scouts mimic Monga Di

CO's brainchild tests 4th Cav. stamina

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Timmons  
4th IBCT

Hundreds of years ago, Genghis Khan trained his scouts to fight by having them foray into China. His scouts were called Monga Di.

Troopers of 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, used various physical events to bring its Soldiers together Dec. 15 in a competition they called Monga Di — an homage to feared ancient warriors.

Capt. Tom Laybourn, C Troop commander, said

that while Genghis Khan's troops were sleep deprived and often carried no food, they were required to conduct immense feats of endurance.

To that end, his modern scouts held a competition where they climbed ropes, did push-ups and sit-ups, carried a heavy object one mile, ran as a squad to the Fort Riley obstacle course, participated in a single elimination tug-of-war and ended with a log-sawing contest.

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Trials find Soldiers guilty

On Dec. 11, Spc. Beverly A. Whisenhunt was tried at a General Court-Martial and found guilty of one specification of attempted wrongful appropriation, seven specifications of wrongful appropriation and one specification of identity theft.

The military judge sentenced her to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for two years and to be discharged with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

On Dec. 15, Pvt. Jeremy Clifton was tried at a General Court-Martial and found guilty of one specification of wrongful distribution of OxyContin, wrongful use of OxyContin and wrongful possession of OxyContin.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for one year and to be discharged with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

On Dec. 18, Pvt. Cassandra Eubanks was tried at a Special Court-Martial and found guilty of one specification of being absent without leave for four days with intent to miss field exercises, one specification of failure to go to appointed place of duty and one specification of willful disobedience to a noncommissioned officer.

The military judge sentenced her to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$849 pay per month for three months, to be confined for three months and a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

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## 3rd Bde.

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lation relies on surrounding communities to support Soldiers with affordable housing, sufficient daycare and quality schools.

Fort Riley officials expect somewhere around 1,400 families to move to the Fort Riley region during the 3rd Bde. buildup. Many of those families are expected to begin arriving in the late spring and summer of 2007.

During the accelerated conversion, Fort Riley will continue building at a brisk pace.

The post will execute more than \$330 million in construction this year to meet the demands of housing the estimated 18,300 Soldiers who will be here once the 1st Inf. Div. is fully formed.

At Fort Knox, the 3rd Bde., 1st Inf. Div., will stand up and convert to a modular infantry brigade combat team of about 3,400 Soldiers, similar to the 4th Infantry Combat Team that stood up at Fort Riley in the past year and is now ready to deploy.

The effective date of modularization for the 3rd Bde., 1st Inf. Div., will be April 16, 2007.

Because of limited facilities for the unit and family members at Fort Knox, the Army will initially form and train the brigade at Fort Hood, Texas.

The brigade is scheduled to deploy from Fort Hood, return to Fort Hood and then restoration to its permanent home at Fort Knox in the fiscal year 2009 time frame.

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## \$2M service contract let Firm hired to keep helicopters in air

By Anthony Tiroch  
Directorate of Contracting

Aviation Joint Administration Management Support Services (AVJAMSS) – Helicopters are once again flying in the skies over Fort Riley.

The 1st Combat Aviation Brigade and its aircraft maintenance requirements came with the return of the "Big Red One" in August 2006.

So, Fort Riley's Directorate of Contracting, was required to find and contract a company capable of providing maintenance support for the 1st CAB within a very short suspense period.

The requirement included supporting various aircraft, including AH64 Apaches, CH-47 Chinooks and UH-60 Black Hawks assigned to the 1st CAB. The DOC met the challenge by contracting with Lear Siegler

Services, Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., to provide the aircraft maintenance services.

The contract represents a combined workforce of contract employees, military servicemembers and government employees responsible for servicing and maintaining the helicopters assigned to Fort Riley.

One of the many benefits 1st CAB personnel gain from the contract is the many years of maintenance experience LSI brings to the table.

### Contract offers training opportunity

Militaryservice members and LSI employees will work and train together, which allows the military servicemembers and especially the military mechanics to gain the maintenance knowledge LSI has to offer.

Additionally, the aircraft maintenance requirements are not limited to Fort Riley. The service agreement includes a three-state area of responsibility that includes Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The contract between Fort Riley and LSI was the direct result of research conducted by contracting officer Julie Bowell and contracting specialist Gary Parker. The resulting contract is a four-year contract in excess of \$2 million.

Since award of the contract to LSI, the contract has been monitored by Dennis Bailey and Joseph Hopson in the Directorate of Logistics at Fort Riley and administered by DOC's contracting officer Becky Rittenhouse and contracting administrator Anthony Tiroch, to ensure timely support and that operational goals of the 1st CAB and Fort Riley are met.

## Growth

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ponents units and, in my view, the current policies are more restrictive than need be under the law and hamper our ability to remobilize the best trained, best led and best equipped units," he said.

The belief that we are closer to the end than the beginning of what the general called "the long war" may lead some to think the current demand for forces will soon lessen.

"However, the situation in the Middle East and rest of the world leads me to conclude we are on a dangerous path that dictates we must increase our strategic depth, increase readiness and reduce our strategic risk," Schoomaker said.

Without giving an exact number, the general said the Army could optimistically add another 6,000 to 7,000 Soldiers a year. This would take a significant amount of time and increase the equipment investment strategy, he added.





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### Dining hall hours listed

The **Main Post Dining Facility** will close after lunch Dec. 31 for renovation.  
On Christmas Day, the Main Post facility will be open for breakfast from 6 to 7 a.m., for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for dinner from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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**Camp Funston Dining Facility No. 2**, Building 1865A, will be open Christmas Day the same hours as the Main Post Dining Facility.  
From Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, the Camp Funston dining hall will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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**Camp Funston Dining Facility No. 1**, Building 1833A, will close after the dinner meal Dec. 21 and reopen Jan. 2.

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**The Combat Aviation Brigade Dining Facility** will close after the lunch meal Dec. 20 and reopen Dec. 27.

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**The 1st Sustainment Brigade Dining Facility** will close after the lunch meal Dec. 27 and reopen on Jan. 3.

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## Monga Di

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For Soldiers preparing to deploy in the near future, training that brings them together is something the troops will need when they get into combat, Laybourn said.  
"We have very good interaction between leaders and Soldiers," said Laybourn, who devised the competition to build his unit's esprit de corps. "The boys will be talking about this event. Overall it was a very challenging event and very positive. Our morale is very high right now."  
Even though most Soldiers in the competition were sweaty, cold and tired, they said the event was enjoyable.  
"It was fun. It wasn't the same old push-ups and sit-ups we do every day," said Pfc. Andrew Eubanks, the troop's assistant radioman, whose uniform was muddy from sliding on his back under a barbed wire barrier on the obstacle course.  
The competition was a break from routine, he added.  
Most Soldiers never carry an

object weighing more than 40 pounds for more than a few feet, let alone hauling one weighing more than 100 pounds for more than a mile.  
Even with that hardship, other troopers agreed with Eubanks' assessment.  
"It breaks up the monotony of normal training," said Pfc. Joshua Sproul as a 2-foot thick tree trunk was sawed into pieces. "It's monotonous to do the same routine day in, day out. This breaks it up."  
While the normal routine may consist of conventional physical training found in a field manual, the difficulty of the Monga Di competition can bring the troops together in a way only hardship and teamwork can.  
"It's one of those things that brings people together," said Laybourn, who some of his troops said has a penchant for devising unconventional training. "It will make our unit even tighter and stronger."



4th IBCT/Timmons

Soldiers of C Troop, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav., scurry up a cargo net during the Monga Di training event Dec. 15 at Raider Field.

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### Infantry Ball tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the Fort Riley Infantry Ball scheduled Jan. 20 at the Junction City Marriott Convention Center.

Any Infantryman assigned to Fort Riley or any Soldier assigned to an Infantry unit is invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 each and will be on sale through Dec. 22. Tickets may be purchased through the Infantry battalions and the 4th IBCT commander.

### Post offers ASIST classes

The Fort Riley Suicide Prevention Program will conduct Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training classes monthly now through March.

Classes are scheduled Jan. 18-19, Feb. 15-16 and March 8-9.

The two-day classes will be taught in the basement classroom at Riley's Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, call Charles E. Jackson, Fort Riley suicide prevention training coordinator, at the Family and Soldier Support Center, 239-9434 or 239-1012.

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ated the training, said Capt. Richard Hull, the brigade's assistant S3.

"(The benefits are) two-fold — for the fire department to know how to get us out safely and for us to know that we're out," McDonald said.

Lt. Ivan May of the Fort Riley Fire Department instructed the firefighters in shutdown procedures, how to put out engine fires and how to egress pilots and crew from the aircraft.



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**Lt. Ivan May of the Fort Riley Fire Department indicates where to insert a nozzle on a UH-60 Black Hawk to put out an engine fire.**

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May began the training simply: "This is a Black Hawk. As far as entering the aircraft, it's real easy. They've Army-proofed it, and you've got 'close' and 'open'," May said as he demonstrated operating the sliding door.

May explained how to pull crew members from the back of the aircraft and where to insert a nozzle to put out an engine fire.

May said it was important always to approach an aircraft at a 90-degree angle. "Always approach from the sides. If you do have an aircraft burning, and you need to go around to the front, stay as close to the nose as possible," May said.

After the group indicated they were familiar with the procedures for Black Hawks, they moved to the Apache.

"On the Apache, it's capable of being armed. It's very, very unlikely that you'll ever see anything come in armed, because if they're out on a training range and have an emergency, they can jettison everything and they'll drop it off at the ranges. Then they'll come in either here or Marshall (Army Airfield)," May said.

The Manhattan airport is close to Fort Riley training areas, so there is a possibility the aircraft will need to come into the Manhattan airport with an emergency. All of the Manhattan firefighters received the training.

"Now that they brought the 'Big Red One' back, there are more aircraft; and we're so close to the reservation, there is a good possibility we could have some-



PAO/Kohler

**Lt. Ivan May (left) of the Fort Riley Fire Department cautions Manhattan firefighters about the slim possibility of encountering live rounds on Apache helicopters.**

thing over here," said Jack Lousch, a 15-year-veteran of the Manhattan Fire Department.

Lousch said he had received training on responding to aircraft emergencies before. "There's special training we do yearly on all different aircraft. It's so cool," he said.

May's background is in aviation and emergency response.

"I'm in the 190th out of Topeka. That's my part-time job. I'm station chief at Forbes Fire Department. I work full-time as a civilian (at Fort Riley). When we got our aviation unit, my chief decided to appoint me the subject

matter expert," May said.

While May explained the quickest and best ways to respond to aircraft emergencies, he advised the firefighters to use any approach.

"This is typical firefighter stuff. If it doesn't work one way, do it the other way," May said.

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# Commentary

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## Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

The new year is about here. What do you hope to see happen personally, nationally or globally before the end of 2007?



"Less troops in Iraq. I'd like to be back in Germany. That was my first duty station. I want to get my education finished to become an RN (registered nurse) and to finish my computer science education."

**Spc. Holly Aber**  
Signal support systems specialist  
HHC, Combat Aviation Brigade  
Home: Columbia Crossroads, Pa.



"All the troops to come back home. I would like Leesville (La.) to be a cleaner city."

**Janae McDonald**  
Jr. high school student  
visiting relatives in area  
Hometown: Leesville, La.



"Less troops going to Iraq. I'd like to be home for my 21st birthday. I'm planning on being home."

**Pvt. Krystal Miller**  
New arrival, in-processing  
Human resources specialist  
Hometown: Houston



"I want the Ravens to win the Super Bowl. They've got a good chance."

**Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ruark**  
Instructor  
166th Aviation Brigade  
Hometown: Westminster, Md.



"I would love to see gas prices in the nation go way down. It's making me broke."

**Mark Stansfield**  
Program assistant  
Child Development Center  
Hometown: Manhattan, Kan.

### Letters to the editor:

The Post welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not contain any libelous statements or personal accusations. Letters accepted for publication must include the writer's full name and a phone number where he or she can be reached.

Letters may be edited to fit space but never edited to change the writer's viewpoint. Send letters to [mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil](mailto:mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil) or fax them to 239-2592.

By Chap. Thomas Day  
Installation Chaplain

Fort Riley is alive with lights of all colors and many beautiful Christmas decorations. They represent for Christians the joy and peace that came to the earth many years ago in Bethlehem in the form of the Christ child.

At this time of the year the world seems to glow. There is a joy that overflows into our hearts and lives and fills us with good will.

The glowing lights remind us



Chap. (Col.) Thomas Day

of the shepherds who saw the first outdoor display as the Glory of the Lord and the Light of the World shone into the darkness of human hearts.

The shepherds saw the glory of the Lord and were terrified. The angel told them, "Do not

be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord."

They hurried off to see the Christ child and the book of Luke tells us they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. What great news, and they couldn't hold it in!

Look forward each year to the carols of Christmas with their joy and happiness. I hope the hustle and bustle of Christmas

will not smother your joy and peace as you celebrate with your loved ones.

I pray that you may experience the peace, love and joy of the season and that it will spread from your heart to those around you.

Give thanks to God for what He has given and spread His joy to others in this most blessed time of the year.

Let the lights of Christmas remind you of the Light of the World come to give us abundant life, peace and joy.

### Matters of Faith

## Christmas should be time of joy for all

### View from the Top

## United States not alone in Iraq mission

Editor's note: President Bush's following comments while speaking with NATO leaders and at Latvia University in Riga, Latvia, Nov. 28 and reported in an American Forces Press Service article by Jim Garamone.

NATO allies are making enormous contributions to freedom in Iraq, and U.S. forces won't leave until the mission is complete.

The battles in Iraq and Afghanistan are part of a struggle between moderation and extremism that is unfolding across the broader Middle East.

At this moment, a dozen NATO allies, including every one of the Baltic nations, are contributing forces to the Coalition in Iraq. And 18 NATO countries plus Ukraine are contributing forces to the NATO training mission that is helping develop the next generation of leaders for the Iraqi security forces.

NATO trainers have instructed



President George Bush

nearly 3,000 Iraqi personnel, including nearly 2,000 officers and civilian defense officials in Iraq. NATO also has trained more than 800 Iraqis at military schools outside the Middle East.

NATO also has helped Iraqis stand up a new military academy near Baghdad, so Iraqis can develop their own military leaders in the years to come.

NATO countries have contributed \$128 million in military equipment. Hungary has given the Iraqi military 77 T-72 main battle tanks, which make up the backbone of Iraq's 9th Division, based in Taji.

By helping to equip the Iraqi

security forces and training the next group of Iraqi military leaders, NATO is helping the Iraqi people in the difficult work of securing their country and their freedom.

Terrorists adhere to an ideology that rejects fundamental freedoms and opposes rights for women. Their goal is to overthrow governments and to impose their totalitarian rule on millions. They have a strategy to achieve these aims. They seek to convince America and our allies that we cannot defeat them and that our only hope is to withdraw and abandon an entire region to their domination.

The war on terror is not a simple military conflict, but the decisive ideological struggle of the 21st century. We can accept nothing less than victory for our children and our grandchildren.

Loss in the Middle East would

encourage violent Islamic radicalism elsewhere. If terrorists gained control of Middle Eastern states, they would use oil resources to fuel their radical agenda and to punish industrialized nations.

Terrorists would pursue weapons of mass destruction and then use them to blackmail the free world. If we allow the extremists to do this, 50 years from now history will look back on our time with unforgiving clarity and demand to know why we did not act.

Our alliance has a responsibility to act. We must lift up and support the moderates and reformers who are working for change across the broader Middle East. We must bring hope to millions by strengthening young democracies from Kabul to Baghdad to Beirut, and we must advance freedom as the great alternative to tyranny and terror.

### Pen Points

## More changes due

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Last week I mentioned the planned change in publication date for the Fort Riley Post starting in 2007.

The New Year also will bring other changes, including a new editor.

I have been editor of the Fort Riley Post since January 2004, and it has been a pleasurable and memorable experience.

I have had the opportunity to work with some talented writers and photographers and a lot of great unit commanders and activity directors on post.

The future of the Fort Riley Post will rest in the competent hands of Anna Morelock, a staff writer/photographer for the past year.

Her challenge will be in putting out a post paper with a staff of one -- herself.

She will get a lot of help from

the growing number of military print journalists at Fort Riley, but the great support the newspaper has had from unit freelancers, organizations' sources for information, stories and photos will be critical in printing as much as possible about what is taking place on post.



Mike Heronemus

Another change some people will notice will be the number of newspapers being delivered to units, activities and dining facilities on post.

Those changes are being made to ensure

everyone on post has a chance to get a copy of the Post and to read about what is happening that will affect their lives.

If units, organizations or buildings need to make adjustments to the number of papers being delivered, or to start delivery of the paper, the editor must be contacted to make those changes.

Thanks for the memories.

### 2nd Louie By Bob Rosenburgh



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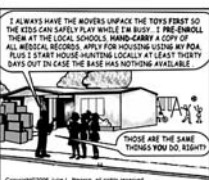
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# Battalion cases colors, history

## Army inactivates 101st MI Bn., two 125th PSB detachments

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Canvas cases slid over rolled flags Dec. 14, putting to bed until needed once again, five Army units at Fort Riley.

The headquarters and two companies of the 101st Military Intelligence Battalion and Detachments D and E of the 15th Personnel Services Battalion inactivated in a ceremony inside Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill. The temporary halt to their existence comes as part of the Army restructuring and transformation process.

### Battalion closes era where it began

It was appropriate to inactivate the 101st MI Bn. at Fort Riley, said Col. Kevin O'Connell, com-

mander of the Division Support Command, because the battalion had been constituted as part of the regular Army and assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley in a ceremony Sept. 16, 1980.

Since that time, the battalion had served in Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Kosovo, Turkey and then to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The battalion's two Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoons were the last units of the 1st Infantry Division to leave the Iraqi theater of operations in April and May 2005.

Upon their arrival at Fort Riley, the battalion assumed command of the 172nd Chemical Company, 24th Transportation Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 541st Combat

Sustainment Support Battalion Rear, 1st Maintenance Company Rear, Dets. D and E of the 125th PSB, the 266th Movement Control Team and Detachment F of the 15th Finance Battalion.

### Detachments served many on post, abroad

Dets. D and E activated Oct. 15, 2002, as part of the 15th PSB to support more than 15,000 Soldiers at Fort Riley.

Det. E moved into Baghdad with the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, in May 2003. It deployed to Iraq again in October 2005, operating in Taji and Mosul to provide personnel service support to more than 20,000 Soldiers and civilians in their area of operations.

Det. D took its turn in Iraq beginning in November 2005,

spreading out to Kirkuk, Balad, Tikrit and Baghdad to support more than 17,000 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians in their area.

"The inactivation of the units before you mark the end of an era," O'Connell reminded the many spectators attending the ceremony.

"Some might say it is a sad day ... but we are really embracing change by fully supporting the Army's path toward modularization," O'Connell said.

"We can find comfort in the words of Gen. Robert E. Lee, who said, 'Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never do less.'"

"Soldiers of the 1001st Military Intelligence Battalion, Delta Detachment and Echo Detachment, rest easy in the knowledge that you have done your duty," O'Connell said.



Post/Heronemus

Lt. Col. Michael S. Lewis, commander, 101st MI Bn., holds the battalion colors as 1st Sgt. Robert Kelly rolls them as the battalion cases its colors at an inactivation ceremony Dec. 14 at Long Fitness Center. Dets. D and E of the 15th PSB also cased their colors to stand down at Fort Riley.

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# Workforce offered training

By Todd K. Douglass  
Workforce Development

In partnership with Education Services and Barton County Community College, the Fort Riley garrison commander provides a new education and training program for civilian employees on post.

In an effort to improve employee satisfaction and increase developmental opportunities for Fort Riley employees, the Employee Satisfaction Improvement Team developed and implemented the initiative to make this opportunity a reality.

This education program is designed to provide managers and supervisors with an additional tool to improve employee basic competencies and help employees continue their education.

Employees who participate receive fundamental training in communication, writing, leadership, basic human resources, customer service, work ethics and

motivation.

Benefits to participants are two-fold: Increased skills and therefore greater productivity and three college credits awarded by Barton County Community College.

The organization benefits directly from the increased production level of the employee because of their increased competencies.

The organization also benefits directly and indirectly as a result of positive motivation generated primarily from a sense of belonging and commitment due to the investment the organization has made in the employee's education and development.

Each series of six classes take place over a three-month period.

This means that while employees are participating in this developmental program they will be in training for just two days each

month. T

his should serve to minimize the strain on the organization due to their absence from the work place and thus encourage supervisors and managers to continue to enroll their employees in this and future similar programs.

This is a hybrid course developed specifically for this program by Barton County Community College and will remain a living course.

Feed back from course critiques and training evaluations will be compiled and evaluated.

Suggestions for improvement will be presented to Barton County Community College, Garrison Workforce Development, and the ESIT for consideration.

Future plans are to provide a "follow on" to this course by offering a pre-leadership course which will follow the same format.

# Multi-million dollar contract fills void in base support

## Directorate of Contracting

As Fort Riley Soldiers deploy to fulfill their mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, a void in base support is left behind.

This void is being filled by the Conus Support Base Services task order awarded Sept. 8 by the Directorate of Contracting to Eagle Support Services Corp.

This multi-million dollar award provides ongoing contracting capability for meeting the fluctuating needs of the Soldiers and the installation and can do so for the next four years, if necessary.

Task order performance began Sept. 15 and was the culmination of several months of intense effort by David Dawson of the

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; DOC contract specialist Gary Parker and DOC contracting officer Julie Bowell, who worked as a team to coordinate the efforts of various installation activities to produce a viable contract solution for Fort Riley.

Task Order Performance is monitored by DOC contracting officer Becky Rittenhouse with Dawson serving as the contracting officer's representative.

The monitoring includes weekly status meetings between the contractor and government representatives to insure that the supported mission demands are met.

The task order provides support on an as-needed basis for tasks including movements, training, security, human

resources, billeting and facilities and information management.

As Soldiers and transition teams deploy or redeploy, CSBS serves as an integral part of the installation's "toolbox" for dealing with issues ranging from getting personnel and equipment to their destinations on time to processing personnel and supporting their individual needs.

The CSBS task order helps the installation load railcars and process medical records with equal ease.

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# Army issues Soldiers fire-retardant uniforms

By Lt. Col. Carl S. Ey  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Forward deployed forces are now rapidly receiving protective, flame-resistant combat uniforms to protect against an ever-changing enemy.

In continuous use since Army aviators and tankers were first outfitted more than 25 years ago, NOMEX uniforms and uniform items are now being provided to a wide range of other Soldiers who may be exposed to fire and flame.

NOMEX is a registered trade name of a fiber produced by The DuPont Company. The material is used as a fabric to manufacture clothing that resists heat and flame. Race car drivers, firefighters and pilots have used NOMEX extensively to protect themselves against burn-injuries.

Commanders in the field identified the need and sent the Army an operational needs requirement in September 2006. Within 22 days, a Department of Defense team succeeded in delivering more than 70,000 NOMEX uniforms to Soldiers serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"When the Coalition Forces Land Component Command sent the requirement for NOMEX uni-

forms, the Army's Logistics office worked with the Defense Logistics Agency, Program Executive Office - Soldier and Transportation Command to quickly ensure Soldiers were properly outfitted," said Col. Rebecca Samson, chief of the Troop Support Division for the Army's G4.

NOMEX has proved effective in saving lives. After Spc. Christon Stone's vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb on Sept. 17, the Oklahoma National Guardsman was trapped in her burning vehicle. Fortunately, the Soldier was wearing her NOMEX uniform.

The material significantly reduces the risk of a Soldier receiving second and third degree burns when exposed to a flash fire, such as burning fuel.

According to Flightfax, the Army Combat Readiness Center magazine, the majority of all combat-related burns are caused by explosions from improvised explosive devices, vehicle-borne IEDs, rocket-propelled grenades or mines that explode on or near a

military vehicle.

"Soldiers deserve the best products modern industry has to offer," said Thomas J. Edwards, assistant deputy chief of staff for Army logistics, "and the Army has committed over \$70 million to make sure our vehicle crews have NOMEX uniforms and equipment when they go to combat. This initiative is incredibly important because properly outfitting our Soldiers saves lives."

Using improved logistics automation, the newly established Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment Central Management Office can now view across the Army's inventory to cross-level and ensure Soldiers who need certain equipment can get it rapidly.

"The military is issuing the NOMEX clothing and equipment to Soldiers and Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Col. Mark Drake, acting director of the Supply Directorate for the Army's G4. "It is one team and one fight for our military forces."

## Suiting up for Iraq deployment



Cpl. Timothy Goodman (left) and Pfc. Brian Schwenner, both of HHC, 4th IBCT, take accountability of new gear received during rapid fielding initiative. In addition to the MOLLE system issued, the "Dragons" of 4th Brigade received new ACUs, knee and elbow pads, a new sleep system and the advanced combat helmet. "This equipment makes it easier to maneuver in combat situations," Goodman said. "We are able to store more of the essential needs that are necessary in a combat zone."

4th IBCT/Timmons

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# Fort Riley Community Life

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## Community news briefly

### Center will host New Year's party

Fort Riley's conference center will be the site for a New Year's celebration from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 4 a.m. Jan. 1. The celebration includes a DJ, party favors and food.

For more information, call Riley's Conference Center at 784-1000.

### Schools send impact aid forms

Parents of students in Geary County Unified School District 475 will be receiving Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms the district sent out Dec. 12. Forms were sent home with elementary and middle school students. Forms for high school students were mailed.

The forms must be filled out by parents who have students attending public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza. Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form is to provide an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected. The forms are an important part of the district's financial support because about 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.

### Commissary sets holiday hours

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Year's Day – Closed

New Year's Day, Dec. 31 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Year's Day – Closed

### Home child care providers sought

More home childcare providers are being sought from among post residents.

Requirements to be a family child care provider include the successful completion of background clearances on all family members over age 12 living in the home, the ability to read, write and speak English effectively, the ability to interact with children in a loving, positive and developmentally appropriate manner, being 18 years of age or older and living in on-post housing.

Family Child Care holds an orientation meeting the second Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Child and Youth Services, Building 6620.

For more information, call the FCC representative at 239-9892.

### Child car seat checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment.

Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts.

### Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## 1st ID band spreads holiday cheer

By April Blackmon  
Community Relations Officer

From the Grinch to Santa, the 1st Infantry Division Band performed a holiday variety Dec. 15 in Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium.

More than a thousand people filled the auditorium to hear the free concert – the 28-member band's first major concert since its return from Germany Aug. 1.

"We're so glad to be back in Kansas and at Fort Riley," said Chief Warrant Officer Scott MacDonald, band director and Pitts-

burgh, Pa., native.

Junction City resident Judy Sanner and her sons, Cadin, 8, and Corbin, 6, were glad to see the band back as well. Cadin and Corbin were especially excited to hear the performance of the Dr. Seuss classic "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," their favorite song. Vocalist and pianist Sgt. Andrew Dwight of Burbank, Calif., performed the tune.

"He sang exactly like the guy in the movie," Corbin said. "Does that guy play in the movie?" "Mr. Grinch, I love the story and it's my favorite song," Cadin said.

In addition to the Grinch piece, Dwight sang "Lights in the East" with vocalist Shannon DelBorrell. DelBorrell, wife of Capt. Michael DelBorrell from Company B, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, also performed "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

"I thought she did a wonderful job," said Commissioner Tom Phillips, Manhattan, Kan., mayor pro tem.

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Elizabeth Sites sang Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and the traditional "Have Yourself a

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Vocalist and flutist Sgt. Colleen Murray sings "Santa Baby" during the 1st Inf. Div. Band holiday concert Dec. 15 at K-State's McCain Auditorium.

PHO/Blackmon

## Showing off

### 21 ballerinas showcase holiday moves

By Anna Morelock  
Staff writer

Twenty-one budding ballerinas danced their way through the first SKIES Unlimited winter ballet recital Dec. 13 at the School Age Services building at Fort Riley. The girls, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years old, lined up on their masking tape marks to dance to songs such as "Up on the Housetop," "Suzy Snowflake," and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Dressed in white leotards, skirts and tights, the girls excitedly showed off their talents in front of their parents positioned around the gym with video and still cameras to catch each moment.

"It's a wonderful opportunity here on post," Shelle Wightman said of the dance classes that prepared her daughters Melanie, 3, and Lillie, 5, and the other girls for the recital. "We'd love to see it grow; the kids just love it."

The students' love for their class and their teacher was evident throughout the recital and afterwards. After the recital, the dancers crowded around their instructor, "Miss Vicki," as she handed them each a flower for completing their first recital together. Many of the students also presented the teacher with flowers.

The dancers have been practicing their moves since the dance program started at Fort Riley in February. Instructor Vicki Woods, who has been dancing for 18 years, has four classes on post to teach aspiring dancers ballet, jazz and other dance styles.

Besides dance classes, Fort Riley's SKIES Unlimited program provides karate, music, gymnastics and baby-sitting classes on post. For more information on the programs, visit the Child and Youth Services Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/>.

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Post/Morelock

Shelley Anderson-Buckley, instructional programming specialist for SKIES Unlimited and a dad sit in the aisle snapping pictures during the first winter dance recital Dec. 13 in the School Age Services gymnasium.

### More classes

See page 11 for a list of classes offered at Fort Riley by the SKIES Unlimited program, or visit the Child and Youth Services Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/> for more information.

## AKO launches video e-mail

Deployed Soldiers have new tool to communicate with loved ones

By Margaret McBride  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Deployed Soldiers can now communicate with loved ones via video e-mail through Army Knowledge Online, the Army's intranet portal.

More than 3,500 video e-mails were created when the new option debuted Dec. 5.

"Thank you for allowing me to see my family. Your technology helps boost not only my morale, but thousands of Soldiers' morale," wrote one user.

AKO video messaging allows deployed active duty and reserve component Soldiers to create video messages on a computer with a webcam. The message is then stored on a server, and only the URL link is sent to the recipient.

Upon opening an e-mail, the user clicks on the link to get streaming video and sound. The video-streaming software allows users to hear and view video e-mail even in limited bandwidth environments. The link can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

Instructions can be found at the AKO home page at <https://www.us.army.mil>. Users must follow DoD security measures used for standard e-mail, and webcams may not be used in secure areas.

Families with an AKO account can send video e-mails from home with a personal computer and a webcam. Many family support

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## 139 celebrate graduation on post

By Laura Stroda  
The Daily Union

When you think of strong, a person sitting in a classroom listening to a professor isn't usually the first thing that comes to mind. But the commanding general of Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division said students are just as strong as anyone else.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham used the Army's new slogan, "Army Strong," to prove his point Dec. 13 at commencement exercises for 139 graduates of the post's education services program.

"Getting an education is strong," Ham said. "Continuing your education while you're a full-time Soldier, a full-time fam-

ily member or full-time civilian employee, that's Army strong."

About 80 students participated in the ceremony at Riley's Conference Center. They earned degrees or certificates from nine different colleges through Fort Riley's off-campus education program.

"The graduates before us today have undertaken educational opportunities that enhance critical thinking skills, intellectual reasoning attributes and analytical traits that are essential to the 21st century," said Fred Rodriguez, director of education services on post.

The Army offers continuing education opportunities first and foremost for the personal growth

of those students. But it also has a selfish motive in providing those opportunities, Ham said.

"We have learned over 231 years that well-educated Soldiers, civilian employees and family members are better... they're better citizens," he said. "The more educated you are, the longer you tend to stay, the better your service is. So there is a little bit of a selfish motive for the Army and continuing education."

Col. Thomas Smith, Fort Riley garrison commander, said since Ham arrived at the post in August, he has been "intensely interested in our education program. He understands exactly what it means to the Soldiers and to the family

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## Video helps children cope with deployment

By Chris Rasmussen  
Fort Jackson Leader

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (Army News Service) – Children of deployed Soldiers now have a fuzzy, familiar friend to help them understand why their parent must leave them for a while.

The new Sesame Street DVD "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families Cope with Military Deployment" is available at no cost to military members and their families at [www.sesame-workshop.org](http://www.sesame-workshop.org).

Elmo and his father star in the 24-minute DVD, which teaches

young military children and their caregivers how best to handle a parent's deployment. Available in English and Spanish, the program covers all phases of deployment: from pre-deployment to homecoming and the unique challenges of each phase.

Norma Colwell, a counselor at Hood Street and Pierce Terrace elementary schools wrote a book for children on how to deal with deployments and said she plans to use the DVD with her students.

"Since all of our students at Fort Jackson are the children of

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Merry Little Christmas."

Jazzing up the evening was vocalist and flutist Sgt. Colleen Murray of Seattle, complete with feather boa, sparkling fedora and slippers, who sang "Santa Baby."

In addition to singing perfor-

mances, guest Master of Ceremonies John Anderson of Sunny 102.5 FM, sat by the Christmas tree and read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" while the band provided audio "illustrations."

"The instrumentalists were out-

standing," Judy said. "I liked the variety they used to help illustrate (the story)."

A visit from Santa Claus capped the evening's performance. The band dedicated a special song, "Here Come the Reindeer," to his reindeer while Santa did the twist on stage.

As MacDonald called to the audience to sing a few final tunes, he invited Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, to play with the band.

Ham, a euphonium player, had been practicing with the band earlier that week.

"You could tell he hadn't played in awhile, but he did a great job. He was nailing it," said fellow euphonium player Sgt. Freddie Valenzuela of North Hollywood, Calif.

"I think (the concert) was a tremendous success," MacDonald said. "I'm certainly glad the community came out to support us and am looking forward to doing it again next year."



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Irwin Army Community Hospital's Elizabeth Sites sings during the holiday concert Dec. 15 at McCain Auditorium.

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Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div., and Fort Riley, plays the euphonium with members of the 1st Inf. Div. Band during their holiday concert Dec. 15 at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium. Ham practiced with the band earlier in the week

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centers on military bases also offer webcams for families' use. In theater, military bases typically have webcams available at cyber cafes.

"Families no longer need to coordinate times to ensure everyone is available to see each other," said Gary L. Winkler, director for governance, acquisition and knowledge in the Army Chief of Information Office/G6, who initiated the project.

"This will help geographically separated families stay closer during deployment, and we also expect other benefits from this capability as users become more familiar and comfortable with it," he said.





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members to have this opportunity to learn and grow."

"We have had 38 such ceremonies at Fort Riley ... I think that speaks volumes about the commitment that this installation has had, the people of this installation have had for a long time to continuing education," Ham said.

Rodriguez noted the education services program is launching a new dynamic mentoring program. The program's emphasis will be "empowering students, Soldiers and family members as they move across academic and intellectual boundaries," he said.

"I would charge you all today to be participants in that mentoring program," Ham said. "Some of you will continue your education and will have mentors. Others of you...will be mentors."

## December 2006 graduates

### Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University presented master of science degrees in administration to Maj. Mark E. Adams, Human Resources Administration; Roxanne M. Bragg, Human Resources Administration; Megan E. Brockton, Human Resources Administration; Sgt. 1st Class Richard M. Canzano, Human Resources Administration; Silfida Gomez-Morris, General Administration; Capt. Christopher C. Johnes, Public Administration; and Frederick D. Reid, Public Administration.

### Kansas State University

Kansas State University presented bachelor of science degrees to Felicita Garza-Basald, Elementary Education; and Darlene C. Gilbert, Psychology.

### Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University presented bachelor of science degrees to Crystal M. Bethel, Human Resources Management; Patricia A. Chewning, Public Administration; LaDonna A. Dandridge, Business; James A. DeMaroney, Social Science; Craig D. Douglas, Management; Kathy R. Dunham, Public Administration; Staff Sgt. Eric S. Goolsby, Public Administration; Sibylle B. Locklear, Business Administration; William W. Martin, Criminal Justice; Machel R. Moodie, Business; Stella J. Murphy, Human Resources Management; Jonathan D. Noble, Public Administration with Law Emphasis; Johnny M. Ryan, Human Services; Samuel Shepherd, Management; Calvin Smith, Business; and Ann M. Strong, Human Services.

UIU also presented an associate of arts degree to Rickley L. Stanley, business.

### Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College presented 119 associate degrees to

Jonathan A. Aranda-Alvarado, General Studies; Alicia J. Askins, Arts; Albera R. Auman, Arts; Arthur L. Bailey, General Studies; Leticia A. Baker, Science; Staff Sgt. Loyd H. Baker III, Arts; Jamie M. Ball, Science; Jeffrey D. Ballantine, Arts; Anthony B. Barnett Jr., Science; Linda J. Barnett, Science; Duane Bauer, General Studies; Tammy T. Bijou, Arts; Sgt. Geoffrey Black, Applied Science-Environmental Comp; Catina M. Blackwell, General Studies; Katherine Braun, Science; Staff Sgt. Crystal D. Breeden, Applied Science-Environmental Comp; Erica D. Bunce, Arts; Dan R. Cable, Applied Science-Haz Mat Management; Sgt. 1st Class Terrence J. Carr, General Studies; Riena J. Carrier, Arts; Spc. Sarah E. Caswell, Science; Jennifer A. Cavallaro, Arts; Kathleen V. Celestin, General Studies; Spc. Frank J. Chavez, General Studies; Sgt. 1st Class Ciurro, Science; Richard Colangelo, General Studies; Karen Connor, Arts; Staff Sgt. Douglas S. Corbett, General Studies; Staff Sgt. Samuel Cortijo, General Studies; Melonnie Covington, Science; Marlene S. Cowans, Science; Sarah Crisolo, Science; Lucia M. Delgado, General Studies; Troy W. Dennison, General Studies; Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Fester, General Studies; Broxton Fisher, General Studies; Ann M. Foreman, General Studies; Malissa C. Gobert, General Studies; Alicia C. Gonzalez, Science; Kellena J. Grant, General Studies; Cpl. Emily J. Gray, General Studies; Spc. Brandon O. Green, General Studies; Jennifer Greene, Science; Jessica M. Griffin, Applied Science-Business Technology; Carri L. Hardin, General Studies; Staff Sgt. George Hartzell III, General Studies; Anne Hayse, Science; Wayne C. Hill, Science; Karen Hobson, Science; Tracy L. Honeycutt, Arts; Walter M. Horbotowicz, General Studies; Jennifer E. Howard, Science; Danielle Jeffries, Science; James Jordan, General Studies; Kathleen E. Karlson, General Studies; Cherie Deana Kelley, Arts; Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Kerns, Science; Brenda L. Kimble, Applied Science-Business Technology; Jarrell L. Kimbrough, General Studies; Lindsay A. Lane, General Studies; Sgt. Joseph C. Leroux III, General Studies; Yasmine A. Livingston, Science; Amanda J. Loesch, Science; Andrea N. Mayes, General Studies; Camille Mezera, General Studies; Sgt. 1st Class Jose R. Miranda, Applied Science-Environmental Comp; Lawrence K. Montgomery, Applied Science-Business Technology; Gregory J. Monty, Applied Science-Business Technology; Sgt. Eric R. Nabinger, General Studies; Staff Sgt. Christopher S. Nelson, General Studies; Katie J. Newman, General Studies; Amber D. Nickerson, Science; Acquanda D. Nunn, General Studies; Heather Olmstead, Applied Science-Business Technology; Rachel A. Paine, General Studies; Kelli M. Payne, General Studies; Patricia A. Perez, General Studies;

Jacqueline L. Popelmayer, Arts; Tempest Price, General Studies; Leah E. Rehbein, General Studies; Margaret M. Reinhardt, General Studies; Lamonica A. Rhodes, Arts; Scott R. Rider, General Studies; Kandi L. Riley, Applied Science-Business Technology; Kristy L. Robinson, Science; Yubicela Robinson, Applied Science-Business Technology; Stacy Roland, General Studies; Tracey L. Seales, General Studies; Nicole L. Shaw, General Studies; Christopher Smith, Arts; John G. Smith, General Studies; Tina M. Smith, General Studies; Staff Sgt. Betty A. Spencer, General Studies; Rebecca Stehman, Applied Science-Business Technology; Shannon M. Stigall, General Studies; Cassandra Stoddard, Science; Sadia M. Stover, Arts; Cynthia Switzer, Science; Sherriel L. Tedford, Science; Sgt. 1st Class David Teston, General Science; Britany C. Toombs, Arts; Chief Warrant Officer Mark Trapanier, General Studies; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony W. Troxel, General Studies; Christopher A. Turner, General Studies; Angela M. Vanhese, General Studies; Darrol A. Wardlaw, General Studies; Kristina A. Weber, Science; Fatima Weir, Arts; Ashley Whaley, General Studies; Nancy P. Wheatley, Applied Science-Hazardous Materials; Sabina Whorton, Arts; Sgt. 1st Class Waron Williams, General Studies; Raymond Williamson, General Studies; Sgt. 1st Class Doris C. Wilson, General Studies; Staff Sgt. Herkimiah L. Wimbush, General Studies; Staff Sgt. Jacob E. Woods, General Studies; Tammy L. Woods, Arts; Joshua G. Young, General Studies; and Francis C. Yuen, General Studies.

### Southwestern College

Southwestern College presented certificates in homeland security to Staff Sgt. Jermal Clark, Glenn Nelson and John Rumpson.

Columbia Southern University presented a master of business administration degree to Command Sgt. Maj. James B. Champagne, Human Resources Management.

### Touro University

Touro University presented master of business administration degrees to Chief Warrant Officer Darren L. Lester, Public Management; and Command Sgt. Maj. Terry G. Young, General Management.

### University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix presented a master of business administration degree to Sgt. 1st Class Rita Powell, Healthcare Management.

### Columbia College

Columbia College presented a bachelor of science degree to Sgt. 1st Class Leon Carmichael, Business Administration.

## Classes offered by SKIES Unlimited

### Intro to Ballet/Creative Movement

Beginning dance class incorporating ballet

**Ages:** 5-9

**Location:** Middle School Teen Center, Building 5800

**Costs:** \$35

**Times:** Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m.

### Daytime Dance Dynamos

Combination of dance and tumbling for children.

**Location:** Middle School Teen Center, Building 5800

**Cost:** \$35

**Times:** Wednesdays 3-3:25 p.m. and 3:30-3:55 p.m. for ages 3-4; 5-5:45 p.m. for ages 5-7

### Okinawan Karate

Shorin-ryu Karate from Okinawa, Japan

**Location:** Middle School Teen Center Gym, Building 5800

**Costs, times:** \$45 for ages 5-10, Saturdays 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.

**Costs, times:** \$55 for ages 11-18, Saturdays 11-12:30 p.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.

### Gymnastics Class

**Location:** Middle School Teen Center Gym, Building 5800

**Cost:** \$35

**Times:** Monday, 6-7 p.m. for 3- to 5-year-olds and 7-8 p.m. for 6- to 9-year-olds; Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds; boys and 7-8 p.m. for 10- to 15-year-olds; Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. for 3- to 5-year-olds and 7-8 p.m. for 6- to 9-year-olds; Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. for TEAM members (by invitation, \$45)

### Cheerleading and Dance

Cheerleading class for children teaching beginning movements and chants

**Location:** School Age Services, Building 5810

**Costs:** \$35 per month

**Ages:** 6-10

**Time:** Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

### Introduction to Guitar

**Location:** School Age Services, Building 5810

**Costs:** \$25 and \$30

**Guitar rental:** \$10 monthly  
**Time:** Wednesdays 6-6:25 p.m. for ages 6-11 and 7-7:25 p.m. for ages 11-18

### Advanced Guitar

Requires introduction to guitar

**Location:** School Age Services, Building 5810

**Cost:** \$30

**Guitar rental:** \$10 monthly  
**Time:** Wednesdays 6:30-6:55 p.m. for ages 6-11 and 7:30-7:55 p.m. for ages 11-18

### Private Piano Lessons

**Location:** Middle School Teen Center

**Costs:** \$55 and \$60

**Times:** By appointment Sat-



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Two dancers show off their ballet moves during the winter dance recital Dec. 13.

urdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., each session is 30 minutes for ages 6-18; by appointment Mondays or Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., each session is 30 minutes for ages 6-18

### Math Tutor for Middle and High School

**Location:** School Age Services, Building 5810

**Times:** Tuesday, 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m.; Wednesday, 6-6:45 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per month  
Minimum of 2 students, maximum of 6

### SAT Prep

**Location:** School Age Services, Building 5810

**Times:** Wednesday, 7-7:45 p.m.; Thursday, 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per month

To take part in any SKIES program, children must be registered with Child & Youth Services, Building 7434. Call 239-4847/5440 for an appointment. Participants must have a current sports physical before registration. Space is limited to first come, first served.

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Soldiers, I plan to use it with all of my students," she said. "It is very supportive of the family and really guides children well through the transition of learning about the deployment to the time dad or mom comes home."

The DVD offers alternative techniques to help children feel secure.

"Rather than saying 'be a big man' and 'take care of the family,' the Soldier in the DVD gives the child something important to take care of, such as a piece of jewelry, while they are away. In turn, the child gives the parent something to hold on to," she said.

The DVD also portrays a Soldier telling his child that whenever they miss them to look up at the moon, because no matter where they are, they will be looking up at the same moon. Children also are told to mark the days off a calendar until the parent comes back

home.

Parents and children are encouraged to connect with each other through e-mail and videos. Another technique is for the spouse to read a child's favorite book that the Soldier-parent used

### To get a video:

*For a free copy of the DVD, call Military One Source at (800) 343-9647 or download it online at [www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc](http://www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc).*

"The DVD does not stop at helping children deal with deployment; it also helps them learn to reconnect with their parents when they get back home," she said.

Colwell, who wrote "While You are Away - Coping with a Parent's Absence" during Operation Desert Storm, said the DVD fills a gap in previous materials that were aimed toward an older audience.

"I wish I had this DVD 20 years ago, because there were not a lot of materials available for young children," she said.

The new Sesame Street DVD "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families Cope with Military Deployment" is available at no cost to military members. *Courtesy photo*



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# Fort Riley Sports & Recreation

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## Sports news in brief

### Trooper wrestlers set team record

The Fort Riley Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade wrestling team competed in the Salina South Tournament Dec. 16 and set a team record by placing 15 of its 22 wrestlers.

No team scores were kept. Tournament champions winning the gold in their weight categories were

Troopers Austin Parton at 90 pounds, Frankie Zachar at 95 pounds and Kevin Euring at 155 pounds.

Earning a silver medal for second place were Jae Gadson at 80 pounds, Derrian Bibbs at 85 pounds, Dakota Wagenblast at 100 pounds, Guelmi Salgado at 115 pounds and Ryan Thomson at 134 pounds.

Placing third were Dylan Soper at 115 pounds and Trevor Pond at 141 pounds.

Placing fourth for the Troopers were Rory Haug at 120 pounds, Gabe Hanson at 127 pounds, Mike Vacanti at 141 pounds, Alan Coleman at 180 pounds and Alex Williams at 265 pounds.

Winning a match but not placing were Cody Skinner and Colten Evans.

This was the last outing for the Troopers. Wrestlers who finished the season with winning records were Bibbs, 12-4; Rebecca Dirks, 11-6; Euring, 13-1; Gadson, 13-1; Tommy Hoolahan, 10-1; Parton, 12-4; Pond, 11-8; Salgado, 12-2; Soper, 11-8; and Zachar, 18-2.

## Army team rides into rodeo finals

*By Jason B. Cutshaw**Fort Drum (N.Y.) Blizzard*

LAS VEGAS (Army News Service) — Whether riding tanks into battle or bucking animals in a rodeo, Army team members show courage no matter what the foe.

Three bull riders, seven cowboys and a cowgirl represented the Army during the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association Championship at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas Nov. 30 through Dec. 9. The NFR is considered one of the world's premier rodeos, and some consider it to be the sport's Super Bowl, where the top 15 contestants in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing and bull riding events compete for eight world championships and the gold buckle and saddle that go along with each title.

The 120 contestants in the 10-day event at University of Nevada-Las Vegas' Thomas and Mack Center competed for than \$5 million in prize money. More than 175,000 fans attended the event, while more than 10 million viewers watched on television.

"Everybody who made sacrifices to get me here, I can't thank enough," said Trevor Brazile, Army sponsored rider, who picked up his fourth All-Around Cowboy world title. "Wrapping up the all-around and setting a new earnings record makes it worth all the work I put into it. The sacrifices weren't in vain.

"I would especially like to thank the Army and all of the Soldiers serving around the world," Brazile added. "You make it all worthwhile, and I am proud to

*Blizzard/Cutshaw*

From Left: Sgt. Brandon Anderson, Spc. Jesse Silvis, Staff Sgt. Cecil Coplan and Spc. Gerald Johnson, all of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Horse Detachment, ride out bearing the national colors Dec. 9 during the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association Championship at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

represent you."

Brazile set the PRCA's single-season top earnings of \$329,924 in 2006, breaking Matt Austin's previous record of \$320,766 in 2005.

"This rodeo brings the best of the best in one place, and I can't think of any place I would rather be than here tonight," Tranquillo added. "All of the riders did great, and I was glad to see Trevor

(Brazile) win for the Army. It was a great finish for a great rodeo. God bless America."

Other Army team riders placed in their respective events. In the All-Around Cowboy category, Army teammate Fred Whitfield finished sixth. In the saddle bronc riding category, Cody DeMoss finished in second place. In the calf roping event, Brazile took third place and in the barrel racing

category, Brittany Pozzi ended her year in second place.

Besides having riders in the event, the Army was represented by Special Forces Soldiers who rappelled from the roof and members of the 82nd Airborne Division "All American" Chorus that kicked off the final round Dec. 9 by singing the national anthem. Riders of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Horse Detachment carried the U.S. flag into the arena.

A record crowd of 18,224 showed its support to heroes who recently returned from combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Four Soldiers of the 11th ACR received a standing ovation from their fellow countrymen.

"Being here at the PRCA national finals, the Super Bowl of rodeo, is a tremendous opportunity for us to be in front of wonderful, supportive people of the U.S. Army and American military," said Sgt. Samuel Wendt, chorus director and member of the 122nd Aviation Support Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. "It is just wonderful for me to be standing here and giving back something to those who support us so much."

Fans were impressed with the chorus and were ready to see Army riders win and represent servicemembers around the world.

"I was very impressed with the Army chorus," said Paul Tranquillo, a rodeo fan from Ventura, Calif. "A feeling of patriotism swept through the arena, and there were very few dry eyes when they sang our national anthem. They were very professional and made me proud to be an American."

## Marksman unit looking for shooters

### U.S.A. Marksmanship Unit

FORT BENNING, Ga. (Army News Service) — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good shooters.

The competitive unit is putting out its annual call for Soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2007.

"We do this every year," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason M. St. John, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the USAMU Service Pistol Team. "Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in pistol competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply. This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower formed the unit in 1956 to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the Army. The unit is assigned to the Accessions Support Brigade of Fort Knox, Ky., which is under the U.S. Army Accessions Command of Fort Monroe, Va.

The marksmanship unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class USAMU Soldier-ath-

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# Sports news briefly

## Bowling open New Year's Eve

Custer Hill Bowling Center will be open 8 p.m. New Year's Eve to 2 a.m. Jan. 1 for a New Year's Eve Celebration, complete with a DJ, extreme bowling and snacks.  
For more information, call 239-4366.

## Field house hosts tournaments

King Field House will host four holiday tournaments and contests the end of December.  
**The Holiday Battalion Level Basketball Tournament** will be played from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 21.

**The Holiday Racquetball Tournament** is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 21.  
**The Holiday One-on-One Basketball Tournament** will begin at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 28.  
**The Holiday Free Throw and 3-Point Contests** will begin at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 28.  
For more information, call 239-2813.

## Outdoor Rec sets winter hours

Outdoor Recreation Center winter hours of operation now through March 3 will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.  
The center will be closed Sunday and Monday.

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letes promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

"The Army Pistol Team is always looking for active Army Soldiers who are highly motivated, disciplined and competitive by nature," St.John said. "No previous competitive shooting experience is required."

Soldiers at the rank of staff sergeant and below with fewer than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can travel to Fort Benning in April at the expense of the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial training. At Fort Benning, they are trained in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that's complete, pistol team officials will select shooters to participate in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July 2007.

"After a three-month tour, Soldiers return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training that can be harvested by unit trainers to improve the marksmanship skills of their Soldiers," St. John said.

Soldiers interested in the developmental pistol shooter program can contact St. John at (706) 545-7022/3893 or DSN 835-7022 or send e-mail to Jason.StJohn@usaac.army.mil.

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# Travel & Fun in Kansas

## Leisure time ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Dec. 21** — Borat, R, 84 min.  
**Dec. 22** — Let's Go to Prison, R, 89 min.

**Dec. 23, 2 p.m.** — Happy Feet, PG, 87 min.

**Dec. 23** — Stranger Than Fiction, PG-13, 113 min.

**Dec. 28** — Let's Go to Prison, R, 89 min.  
For more information, call 239-9574.

### Manhattan:

**What:** Pleasures: Kansas Printmakers and The Teapot Show  
**When:** Now to Jan. 13, 2007  
**Where:** 406 Poyntz Ave., Strecker-Nelson Gallery  
**Phone:** (785) 537-2099  
**Web site:** www.strecker-nelsongallery.com

## New year, new era in The Little Apple®

### Special to the Post

As Manhattan, Kan., and its neighbors celebrate unprecedented growth, this year the theme of The Little Apple® New Year's Eve Celebration and Ball Drop is "Welcome! Welcome to A NEW ERA in The Little Apple!"

With the continuing buildup of neighboring Fort Riley, the Manhattan area is one of only a few across the nation where housing prices, new home starts, city coffers and elementary school enrollments are all on the upswing. The region's population expects to increase by about 30 percent over

the next five years.

In this new era of whiplash growth-spurts, the community treasures its traditions. The Little Apple New Year's Eve Celebration and Ball Drop has become one of them.

"We're townies and newcomers, all ages and all walks of life," said Kate Watson, co-founder of the event, "and regardless of what may separate us during the year, this event gives us an opportunity to end one year and begin the next as a community."

In its fourth year, this family friendly event culminates a week-end full of fun, food and a Shop

'Til You Drop shopping spree with its outdoor stage show, fireworks, confetti, dancing in the street and the ball drop from atop Varney's Book Store in Aggieville.

Adding to the traditional Tribute to the Troops in this heartland's Times Square style street party, local talent onstage will feature the welcome theme to welcome back the "Big Red One" to Fort Riley, welcome Soldiers' families, welcome old friends and new friends, students, scientists, farmers, construction workers, retirees, alumni, visitors and neighbors, welcome new Kansas

State University coaches Ron Prince and Bob Huggins as well as welcoming a new era of growth and prosperity.

The event itself has grown as more visitors arrive each year. Attendance more than doubled in its first three years. More than 11,000 are expected this year. Portions of the event were broadcast live last year on national TV. It has received mentions in publications such as USA Today and Family Circle Magazine.

See [www.LittleAppleNewYears.com](http://www.LittleAppleNewYears.com) for photos, videos, updates and details.

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